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**Above:** "Out with the old ..." (l. to r.) Mattapoisett Selectman Paul Lambalot, Treasurer/Tax Collector Kathy Briggs, and Town Moderator William Blasdale all opted to retire from their long tenures of public service this year and did not seek re-election on the April 1 ballot. A retirement party was held for all three last week to which many Mattapoisett residents turned out to wish them well. (Photo courtesy of Carol Adams).



**Above:** "... And in with the new." Mattapoisett candidates Bob Rogers (left) and Steve Lombard (right) braved the chilly and overcast weather on Tuesday, April 1 to campaign outside the Knights of Columbus Hall on Route 6 where voters came to pick between the two to fill the vacant seat left open by former Selectman Paul Lambalot. (Photo by Kenneth J. Souza).

**On the cover:** This 32x22 acrylic painting, titled "Summer Sopranos" by Brooks Kelly, is one of the many unique artworks which will be on display at the Marion Art Center as part of a two-person exhibit which opens on Sunday, April 13 with a reception to meet the artists from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. Paintings by Brooks Kelly and sculptures by Anne Dean will be installed at both galleries. The exhibition will run through May 14. (Photo courtesy of Wendy Bidstrup).

## Art Springs Eternal

### Two-Person Show Debuts in Marion

A two-person show opens at the Marion Art Center on Sunday April 13 with a reception to meet the artists from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. Paintings by Brooks Kelly and sculpture by Anne Dean will be installed in both galleries.

Anne Dean currently lives in Lincoln, MA but has many ties to Marion where she and many members of her family spend the summers together in the seaside village. Ms. Dean is a graduate of Tufts University with a BFA degree. She received her MA in Education from Antioch University and and MA in Metaphysics from the University of Metaphysics in California. She has taught ceramics in several schools around Boston including Middlesex, Noble and Greenough, Walnut Hill and Dedham Country Day where she was head of the art department. Her work is in the permanent collection of the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston.

After a 25 year career in the Ceramic Arts, "I developed an allergy to clay and glazes which made it impossible for me to continue in the field of ceramics ... so I began to experiment with different mediums in search of one I felt deeply connected to and excited about," she said. She finally found it after taking a course at the Carving Studio and Sculpture Center in West Rutland, Vermont. And that medium is stone. "I love the way the stone suggests what it chooses to become through a very organic interplay with me ... Being able to work in the abstract as well as realistic keeps me interested and involved as each perspective demands a very different approach to the stone." The pieces in this exhibition are her first in this medium.

Brooks Kelly is a graduate of the Carnegie Institute of Technology (now Carnegie Mellon University) in Pittsburgh, where he earned a BFA degree. A longtime resident of Pembroke, MA, Mr. Kelly has served as President of the Pembroke Arts Festival and is an active

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member of the Cape Cod Art Association, the Duxbury Art Association, the North River Arts Society, the South Shore Art Center, the Plymouth Guild, and the prestigious Copley Society of Boston where he holds the title of Copley Master.

His colorful acrylic and collage works feature his bold, impressionistic style. Frequently tinged with humor, his distinctive works are widely appreciated and collected nationwide. The recipient of numerous local and regional awards, Brooks Kelly has exhibited in dozens of solo and juried group shows during his distinguished career.

The sculpture and painting exhibition runs through May 14. The galleries at the Marion Art Center are open to the public Tuesday - Friday, 1:00 to 5:00 pm and Saturdays, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Admission is free. The Marion Art Center is located at the corner of Main and Pleasant Streets, kitty corner to the Marion Town Hall.

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The Rochester Congregational Church's 300th anniversary celebration will focus on the history of the church, but more importantly it will celebrate the lives of the people who have been responsible for 300 continuous years of Christian worship at Rochester Center.

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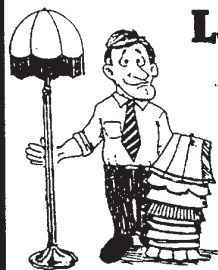
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Charles and Patricia Tate of Mattapoisett, appeared at the regular church service. The Tates presented an informative and, at times, humorous dialog, depicting their life and that of the church in the first little meetinghouse that was located nearby within the present cemetery. Reverend Arnold established the church in 1703.

On March 30, the second minister, Reverend Timothy Ruggles (1685-1768) came to visit along with two of his deacons, John Freeman and Roger Haskell, and another parishioner, Noah Sprague. Reverend Ruggles, portrayed by George Smith, presented a picture of his life and times, as he lead the church from 1710 until his death in 1768. A second meetinghouse was built in 1717. It was located where the Memorial Rock stands on the little

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triangle near the Plumb Library. Each Sunday morning people came from all parts of Old Rochester, which included Marion, Mattapoisett, and part of Wareham at that time. They came on foot and horses with saddles and pillions behind for the ladies. The horses were tied during the service to the pine trees that surrounded the meeting-house.

After working all week from sunrise to sunset, they came to meeting dressed in their humble homemade clothes. Some came because they must or they would be reprimanded. Most came because they liked meeting friends and neighbors. The men swapped stories about crops and cattle, while the women talked of spinning, weaving, children, and new patterns for their quilts. Over 300 people joined the church during Reverend Ruggles pastorate.

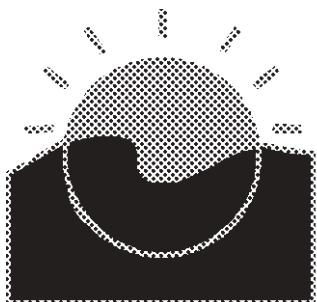
The meetinghouse became greatly overcrowded, but the formation of a second precinct church in Mattapoisett in 1736 helped alleviate the situation. Then, in 1739, 33 members and their families left to form a new church at Wareham. Meanwhile the town was growing thus church attendance continued too grow as "The Great Awakening," a religious revival swept the country in 1740 to 1742.

Deacon Roger Haskell (Chuck Kantner) and Deacon John Freeman (Jay Gonsalves) explained their duties of watching over the moral character of the members and keeping a vigilant eye on "Sabbath-breakers." It was also their responsibility to keep order at meetings

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and keep parishioners from nodding off during the long sermons. At other times the deacons were sent out to members' homes to inquire why they were not attending public worship on Sunday. It seems the deacons' duties also included prying into member family's affairs to find out what their living expenses were to ensure a proper contribution went to the church.

According to Deacon Freeman, it was his duty to "set the psalm" at meeting. There was no music in church at that time. The Old Bay Psalm Book was used, but few people had books so the psalm was "lined out" as it was called. The congregation would follow the deacon and sing the psalms one line at a time. Deacon John Freeman, alias Jay Gonsalves, gave a demonstration of this with the

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congregation singing the psalm at his direction, one line at a time.

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The First Parish decided to build a new meeting-house higher up on the common in 1760. This was owned by the parish, not by the town as the previous buildings had been. Before Reverend Timothy Ruggles died in 1768, Reverend Jonathan Moore came to assist him at this meetinghouse. Reverend Moore then became the next pastor.

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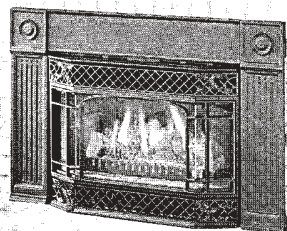
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continue throughout the year. Present plans include a quahog chowder supper on April 26 at the fellowship hall. This gathering will recognize the many contributions made by the Men's Brotherhood, which continued to benefit Rochester and the surrounding communities in endless ways from 1953 until the early 1980s. The church's Annual Ladies Luncheon will be held on May 17. The theme of this year's program is "Quilts from Heaven: A Patchwork of Life." Watch for more details about these and other upcoming events.

### **Mattapoisett Selectmen's Meeting**

**March 31, 2003**

**By Eletha Yeaton**

A regular meeting of the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen was called to order on Monday, March 31 at 7:00 pm by Chairman Paul Lambalot. Also present were Selectman Raymond Andrews, Selectman Barry Denham, and Executive Secretary Carol Adams.

After approving the minutes of the March 25 meeting, the board signed and approved the appointment of Paul E. Andrews as a Reserve Police Officer upon the recommendation of Police Chief Mary Lyons.

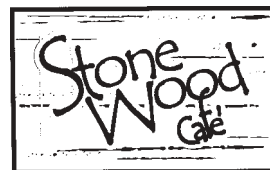
Ms. Adams reminded the board that Tuesday April 2, 2003 was Election Day at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Polls will be open from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm.

Upcoming meetings are scheduled as follows:

- Wednesday, April 2 at 6:30 pm – FinCom / Selectmen concerning budgets.
- Monday, April 7 at 3:00 pm – Department Head meeting for the purpose of discussion of FY 04 budgets. Ms. Adams will notify each department head by phone.
- Monday, April 7 at 7:00 pm – Next regular Selectmen's meeting.
- Wednesday, April 9 at 6:30 pm – FinCom / Selectmen meeting concerning budgets.

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- Thursday, April 10 at 7:00 pm – Executive Session with Selectmen and Town Counsel concerning contract negotiations.

- Thursday, April 10 at 7:00 pm – Meeting in Fairhaven concerning the proposed four-town Water District. Selectman Denham will serve on this committee.

Under outgoing correspondence for the week:

- A letter was sent to Jane Awad granting permission to conduct The National Day of Prayer at Town Hall on May 1.

- Notification of the appointment of Blanche B. Perry as Mattapoisett's representative to the Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School District School Committee.

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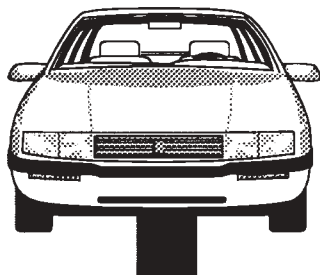
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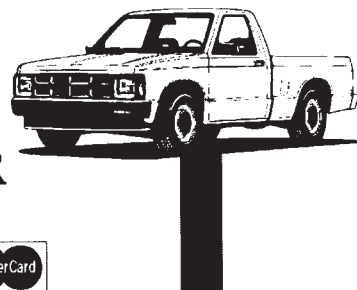


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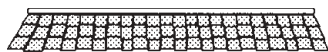
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• Letters to the Finance Committee (FinCom) applicants advising of the appointment of Paul A. Silva and notifying that their letters will be kept on file for future consideration.

• Correspondence to Water Superintendent William T. Nicholson advising that Selectman Denham will represent the Selectmen during discussions relating to a proposed water district.

• Letter to Cynthia Hebert granting permission to locate a bench at Shipyard Park in memory of her father, Norman Roylance. It was noted that former Selectman Jack DeCosta will construct the bench.

Under incoming correspondence, the board received:

• Letter from Stephen Kelleher, Chairman of the Bike Path Study Committee, requesting a meeting before the Selectmen for the purpose of discussing Town Counsel's opinion letter relating to Bike Path Committee members.

• Letter from Frith L. Cote, 21 Oakland Street extending a thank you to the Police, Fire, and Rescue Departments for their professionalism during a recent multi-car accident. Selectman Andrews read the letter into the record.

• A copy of a letter from Bruce M. Lemieux, Treasurer of the Mattapoisett Youth Activities Association (MYAA) to the Recreation Committee. In his letter, Mr. Lemieux advised that the MYAA voted to contribute \$9,054 towards the construction of a new baseball field behind the Seth Martin field at Old Hammondtown school. The MYAA will relinquish control of the baseball signs to the Recreation Committee subsequent to filing income tax returns and satisfying the annual filing requirements. The MYAA will expend all remaining monies on Mattapoisett youth athletics. The MYAA has voted to dissolve the corporation. This process should be



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concluded within the next 14 months. Until that time, the MYAA will be inactive.

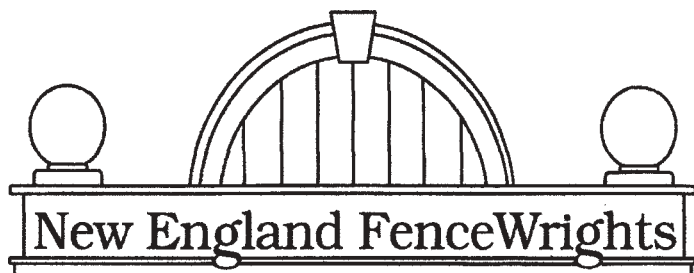
- Kathleen Massey, Natural Research Officer, submitted a recommendation that effective April 1, the Town Landing be closed to the taking of shellfish. The board approved the closing.

- Letter from Louise Vandal of the Seaport Village Ice Cream and Coffee Shop requesting a three-year contract for the wharf space and operation of the Ice Cream Slip based on past satisfactory performance. The Selectmen agreed that the service and quality had been excellent, but saw no need to have a three-year contract. Therefore, a one-year contract was approved.

Ms. Adams then reported that she had received an e-mail from Gregory Sawyer for consideration to be appointed as a member of the Estuaries Project Committee. He cited his expertise of many years as a marine biologist.

At this point in the meeting, the board called upon Jack DeCosta, former Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, to come forward and officiate at the appreciation to Paul Lambalot since this was his last meeting as a Selectman. Mr. DeCosta remarked about the many years of service that Mr. Lambalot had given to the Town of Mattapoisett in many capacities and how grateful all present were to him. Mr. DeCosta mentioned some of the projects they had worked on together. Selectman Lambalot then thanked everyone for their kind words and for the enjoyment he has had working with them in the interests of the town.

The presence of Tax Collector Kathleen Briggs was then requested so that the Board of Selectmen and Mr. DeCosta could congratulate her on her 30 years of service to the Town of Mattapoisett and to wish her happiness in her retirement which will take place at the end of the day on April 1.



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A surprise gift was then presented to Selectman Lambalot of an original chair from the auditorium of Center School. The back of the chair bears the letters describing the chair and its date while the front of the chair is inscribed "Paul Lambalot, 28 Years of Service."

There being no further matters to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

#### *Election Results*

### **Lombard Looms Large in Mattapoisett**

**By Kenneth J. Souza**

Mattapoisett voters seemed to clearly prefer municipal experience to local familiarity by handily electing **Stephen J. Lombard** to a three-year seat on the Board of Selectmen, filling the slot vacated by longtime Selectman Paul Lambalot. In what many predicted would be a much tighter race, Mr. Lombard defeated former Planning Board member **Robert J. Rogers** by a nearly four-to-one margin — 1,216 to 354. Over 1,500 residents, an estimated 36 percent of the 4,348 registered voters in town, made their way to the polls at the Knights of

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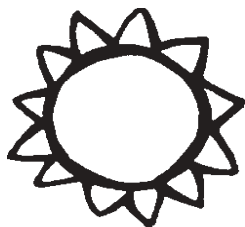


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Columbus Hall on Route 6 on Tuesday, April 1 to cast their votes.

Voters also narrowly opted to switch their previously elected Treasurer/Tax Collector position to an appointed one under the ballot's sole referendum question: 774 in favor to 711 against. This question thus rendered **Charles W. McCullough's** bid for the seat null and void, although he did garner some 1,172 votes.

Other unofficial election results at press time:

- Board of Assessors – **Robert Fay** (1,257 votes);
- Mattapoisett School Committee (2 seats) –

**William H. Reed** (1,173 votes); **Andrew F. Lynch** (1,168 votes);

• Trustee of the Mattapoisett Public Library (2 seats) – **Margaret A. Cooper** (677 votes); **Marianne F. DeCosta** (964 votes); and **Clayton Hagy** (831 votes);

• Town Moderator – **John A. Eklund** (1,282 votes);

• Water/Sewer Commissioner – **James F. Huntoon** (1,167 votes);

• Board of Health – **Russell L. Bailey** (1,242 votes);

• Planning Board – **Jordan C. Collyer** (1,284 votes);

• Mattapoisett Housing Authority – **Margaret M. DeMello** (1,254 votes); and

• Highway Surveyor – **Wesley N. Bowman** (1,371 votes).

## Marion Selectmen's Meeting

*April 1, 2003*

**By Kenneth J. Souza**

A regular meeting of the Marion Board of Selectmen was called to order on Tuesday, April 1 at 7:00 pm by Chairman Benjamin Bryant. Also present were Selectman Andrew Jeffrey, Selectman David Pierce, Town Administrator Julia Enroth-Whitlock, and Secretary Helene Craver.

The board first approved various treasury and payroll warrants for the week and then unanimously approved the minutes of the March 18 meeting. The board next unanimously appointed the following to the Cable Advisory Committee: Reginald Foster and Terence Lee. The board then approved a proclamation declaring April

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Under incoming correspondence for the week, the board received:

- Request from the Loft School to close a portion of South Street (from the corner of Front Street north) for their biannual outdoor children's fair, "Out of this World," to be held on Saturday, May 10 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at St. Gabriel's Church. The board unanimously approved the request.

- Request from the organizers of the annual Feast of St. Anthony to hold their festivities in the park on Point Road on June 8 from 12:00 noon to 6:00 pm. The board unanimously granted the request.

- Memo from Regional Sanitarian Karen Walega recommending a six-month extension for George and Katherine Allen to enable them to continue to reside in the trailer on their property at 157 Wareham Road until their home is deemed structurally sound. The board granted the request.

- Recommendation from Shellfish Officer Kevin Snow to extend the commercial shellfish opening for Hammett's Cove through April 12, 2003 due to icy conditions. The board unanimously approved the extended opening.

- Notice from the Southeast Regional Planning and Economic Development District (SRPEDD) seeking nominations for their annual awards. The board discussed submitting Lori Schaefer's name for consideration, as she has served as their representative to SRPEDD for some time.

- Notice from Police Chief Lincoln Miller that DARE Graduation Ceremonies will be held on Thursday, April 17 at 1:45 pm at Sippican School. Due to the elimination of funding for the DARE Program from the state, this may likely be the final graduation ceremony for Marion.

- Memo from Department of Public Works

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Under discussion items, the board revisited the proposed siting of a casino facility in Massachusetts.

"I don't think it's a wise move to depend on casino gambling in the state for revenue," Chairman



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Bryant said. "Especially during the current (economic) climate ... it's taking advantage of the state when we're down. I don't think the income generated by casino gambling offsets the potential problems ... hopefully I'm representing at least a large majority of our town."

With that, the board unanimously voted to draft a letter voicing their opposition to a casino gambling facility in Massachusetts.

The board next discussed a proposal to repeal a section of the so-called "Patriot Act," which allows the government to access information as to what patrons are reading and purchasing from libraries and book stores. "I feel, right now, our government is trying very hard to strike a balance with this," Chairman Bryant said. "But this seems to be a clear example of where residents should have their privacy."

"I guess I have mixed feelings," Selectman Jeffrey said. "What it all boils down to is information is power. When you take information away, one could say you have less power to do the things we're talking about. To be honest, I have a problem supporting this, only because we only see one side of it. I believe in individual freedom, but I also think these are times we've never had before. The government has to be careful ... and be sure they don't abuse the power they have. I'd like to hear the other side of the story, too, because there is one."

"I would think we could not take a vote ... but as an individual, I don't mind saying I support this," Chairman Bryant said. "Whether this is the right line or not, I think it's important this discussion should continue."

As such, the board agreed to not take a formal vote on this matter.

In other matters, the board:

- Reviewed the articles, presentations and motions to be made for the April 28 Annual Town Meeting warrant and the Special Town Meeting within the

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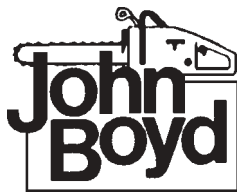
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- Discussed special awards to be given at the Annual Town Meeting.
- Voted to go into Executive Session to discuss strategy with regard to collective bargaining and litigation, negotiations with non-union personnel and purchase of real property.

## Rochester Selectmen's Meeting

March 31, 2003

By Kenneth J. Souza

A regular meeting of the Rochester Board of Selectmen was called to order on Monday, March 31 at 7:00 pm by Chairman Patricia Ryan. Also present were Selectman Naida Parker, Selectman Richard Nunes, and Administrative Assistant Veronica Lafreniere. Town Administrator James Huntoon was not present for the meeting.

The board first briefly met with Susan Peterson regarding the referendum question which will appear on the April 9 Annual Town Election ballot to allocate money to purchase the conservation restriction on the Eastover Farms project which was approved by Town Meeting last week. Ms. Peterson wanted to know if there was a procedure to notify voters of the amended amount of money being requested, which was reduced from the \$1.95 million on the printed ballot to \$1.75 million. The board noted that hopefully voters would be aware of this change

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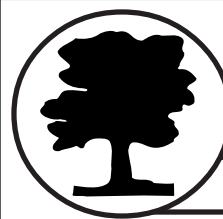
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The board unanimously voted to support offering the optional long-term health care benefit to town employees, since there was no up-front cost to the town.

The board next voted to approve the minutes of the March 24 regular session meeting and the Executive Session minutes of that same night, and also approved Flammable Fluid Permits for: Town of Rochester (below ground 10,000 gallon gasoline on Dexter Lane); the Rochester Highway Department (two above ground 2,000 gallon diesel on Cushman Road); and Frederick A. Miller Jr. (one 500 gallon below ground propane on Mendell Road).

The board next signed Personnel Action Forms (PAF) for the following newly-hired part-time dispatchers: Jeffrey Oswald and Katherine Vernelli.

Under incoming correspondence, the board received notification that Christine Watling of Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School was awarded the "Advisor of the Year Award" from the National Honor Society (NHS) for her work with the NHS Chapter at the school. The board voted to send Ms. Watling a letter of congratulations on this achievement.

Rick Amicucci of the Rochester Youth Baseball Association sent a letter to the board requesting permission to hold their Opening Day Parade on Saturday, April 12 at 8:30 am, starting at Town Hall and ending at Gifford

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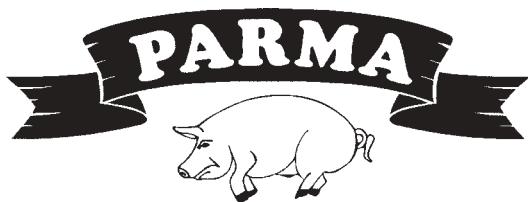
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Park. The board noted the Police Department should be contacted for their assistance and approval before proceeding.

The board next discussed the date for the Annual Town Meeting. Since there was a previous schedule which announced the date as June 9, the board agreed to retain that date and unanimously voted to set it as such.

Suzanne Szyndlar next submitted a letter of resignation from the Personnel Board, effective April 8, due to her increased responsibility with the Assessors' office as well as her own personal commitments. The board agreed to send a joint letter of appreciation from the Selectmen and Personnel Board to Ms. Szyndlar for her past contributions.

The board also received:

- Notice that the Annual Tri-Town Herring Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 15 at 7:00 pm in the Mattapoisett Town Hall.

- Action Alert from the Massachusetts Municipal Association (MMA) advising that the state legislature has sped up the budget timetable and "it is imperative that local officials contact their legislators immediately and publicly call on them to reject deeper cuts to local aid." As such, the board unanimously voted to send a letter to local legislators.

At 7:35 pm the board met with the Finance Committee (FinCom) to review several FY 2004 budget items.

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requests," FinCom Chairman Michael Costa said. "Compiling all of the operating budget requests to date, along with assumptions on (state) revenues, we need about \$500,000 to balance the budget. That, however, assumes Marion and Mattapoisett will approve their share of the utility bill increase at ORR High School. ORR's budget, excluding the additional utilities, is increasing by 1.65 percent and Old Colony is at a 4.8 percent increase. Memorial School is coming in at less than 2.4 percent. The governor has proposed that the Chapter 70 funds come directly to the town. It looks like about a 5 percent decrease overall."

Mr. Costa said given those budget projections, he's confident the town will be able to cover these short-

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falls. "Everybody makes a good argument as to why they need more, but I think we all have to find a way to do more with less," he said.

"I have some major concerns about doing anything until we have a really good handle on what the state's going to do," Chairman Ryan said. "I don't believe the governor or the legislature has been forthcoming with information ... they know what kind of a deficit (we face), they know the shortfalls out there. I think that's one of the reasons the Chapter 70 money is coming to the towns and not the schools. If we don't get the money, where are we going to get it from? From what you're telling me, (the school budgets are) over \$2 million — we don't even have that in the Stabilization Fund. If I felt better about the way the state keeps us informed, perhaps I wouldn't be quite so fearful."

Both the FinCom and Selectmen seemed to think it was prudent to defer any major expenditures at this time until the fall when they had a better idea of actual state revenue figures. Chairman Ryan also said she'd like Rochester's \$162,000 portion of the ORR High School utility costs to be placed on an override along with Mattapoisett and Marion.

Selectman Parker, however, felt strongly about giving non-union town employees a 3 percent cost-of-living raise since they were bypassed in last year's budget. Her argument: members of the police and teachers unions are given the same salary hikes on a regular basis.

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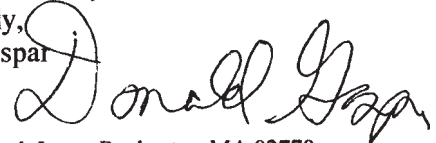
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I am running for the position of Planning Board Member on April 9, 2003. I am looking forward to working with you as an effective and concerned town official on your behalf. If you want to ensure that your values are represented fairly and honestly and that your voice will be heard, rather than patronized, then I need your vote. I feel a deep sense of commitment to preserving those values that are important to us all. I will take the time to truly listen to your concerns and will work effectively within the framework of the law to ensure that fairness and objectivity on your behalf is met. I will commit a strong devotion to performing my duties with the utmost character and integrity. If you value those ideas put forth here then please vote for me, Don Gaspar, on election day. The future character of our town depends upon your vote. Remember, you can vote the status quo or you can vote your conscience.

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But Mr. Costa said he didn't feel comfortable supporting both a 3 percent cost-of-living raise and 3 percent step increase for the same employees.

"Whether we like it or not, salary increases have always been across-the-board — the cost-of-living increase plus the step increase," Chairman Ryan said. "I agree there are some things which have to be looked at, but you can't penalize only the small group that works for the town."

The board warned that if these town employees chose to unionize, it would cost the town more in the long run.

"You want to treat your employees (well) so they stay, (so) they don't form unions," Selectman Nunes said.

Mr. Costa argued that with a maximum 2.5 percent cap on the town's ability to raise revenues each year, it was difficult to support 6 percent salary increases on an annual basis.

"Then freeze hiring ... and no new classifications," Selectman Nunes said. "If you give the employees a 1 or 2 percent increase, you're sending them a message that they are expendable. If they unionize, what we're talking about here would be miniscule compared to the demands of a (contract)."

Both Selectman Nunes and Selectman Parker agreed the FinCom could freeze their annual salaries if needed.

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• Chairman Ryan noted there is a proposal on the table for a Regional Water District with Fairhaven, Mattapoisett, Marion and Rochester which would cost each community \$25,000 to upstart and they are reserving an article to fund this measure. "We really can't afford to go out on our own to do this, we need to do it with somebody," Chairman Ryan said.

• Selectmen noted there is a potential \$6,000 needed to fund Rochester's share of a person to enforce the boundaries on the 800-acre Assawompsett Pond property.

• Chairman Ryan said the Grant family has proposed to sell the town a two-acre parcel adjacent to the Plumb Memorial Library and Rochester Post Office for \$100,000. "I think we should have Town Counsel take a look at it, because in the long term it might be a valuable piece of property for the town to have," Mr. Costa said.

• The FinCom discussed the possible transfer of funds from the Mary's Pond Beach article to complete the restroom facility at the Dexter Lane baseball field. "Dexter Lane is an actively used facility today, Mary's Pond is not," Mr. Costa said. "There's \$43,000 in the Mary's Pond (fund) ... we were thinking about taking \$30,000 to be used by the Park Commissioners (for Dexter Lane)."

Overall, Mr. Costa noted the town has about \$777,000 in Free Cash, and if they use \$550,000 to balance the budget, it would leave about \$227,000 for future capital projects.

"We've been through bad times before, and we've survived them," Selectman Parker said.

There being no further matters to come before the board, they unanimously voted to adjourn for the evening at 8:52 pm.

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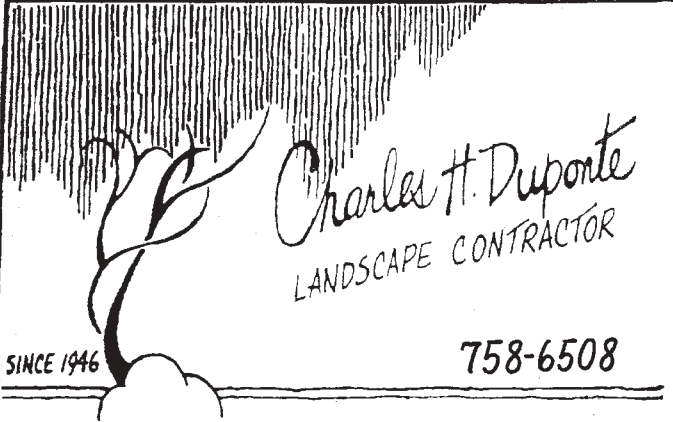
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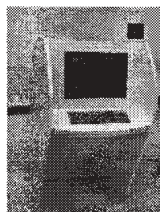


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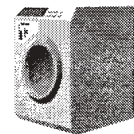
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### Letters to the Editor

#### To the Editor:

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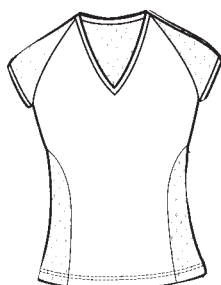


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grants and procuring money from trusts, we had hoped to build a state-of-the-art recreational facility in Mattapoisett.

Recently, the Mattapoisett Recreation Committee approached the MYAA for money to regrade Seth Martin Field and to build a new baseball field in the northwest corner of the lot at Old Hammondtown School. There is no question that this work needs to be done, but the money asked for by the Recreation Committee would seriously jeopardize the long-term goals of the MYAA. At a recent Selectmen's meeting, we explained who we were, what our mission was and how things were going. We stated that we were a 501 C (3) non-profit organization and not the fund-raising arm of the Recreation Committee. Although we fully support the project at Old Hammondtown School, we had issues with MYAA monies being spent on a town project on town land. In our minds, this meeting brought up more questions than it supplied answers. If the Board of Selectmen had concerns about where monies being raised on town property would be spent, why didn't they ask us last year? How come the drainage and the grading of Seth Martin Field were not properly performed during the recent construction project at Old Hammondtown School? The issue of fund-raising on town property was brought up. This issue could have opened up a whole can of worms that we felt was better left unopened.

To be honest, the second reason for dissolving the MYAA is the fault of its own board. We made the mistake of naming our Corporation the Mattapoisett Youth Activities Association. This raised some confusion in town. Although we explained who we were and what we were trying to accomplish, some people still thought we were the "old" MYAA (Mattapoisett Youth Athletic Association), not a new 501 C (3), non-profit organization. Last spring the MYAA was very

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involved in small projects at the recently rededicated Lamborghini Field at Old Hammondtown School. The work we performed included painting the fence, building a message/scoreboard, installing the framing for a new batting cage, building picnic tables, general cleanup and field preparations. Even though these projects were very much needed and the children of town had a field to play on that they could be proud of, these actions muddled the waters as to the relationship of the Recreation Committee and the "new" MYAA.

The issue that was most disturbing and disappointing to us was the behind-the-scenes talking and positioning by various people in town questioning the integrity and the intentions of the Board of Directors of the MYAA. It was overhead, a few times, that the MYAA was raising money on town property and "running and hiding with it." Take a minute and look at the people on the board of the MYAA and tell me honestly that you feel anyone on it had any other intentions than the betterment of the facilities in town and the children of Mattapoisett who use them. The smiles on the faces of the children as they enjoyed an Opening Day for baseball and softball (one that had not occurred for over 10 years) and as they heard their names over the loudspeaker being introduced at Mid-Day Madness for the opening of basketball season (is what) kept us going. The Lamborghini family was present at Opening Day to witness the rededication of the baseball field that had been named for their brother who died at a young age after a battle with cancer. Mickey Bauer's family asked friends and relatives to send donations to the MYAA in lieu of flowers when their dad passed on last year.

At the last Board of Directors meeting, we unanimously voted to contribute \$9,054 towards the construction of a new baseball field behind Seth Martin Field at Old Hammondtown

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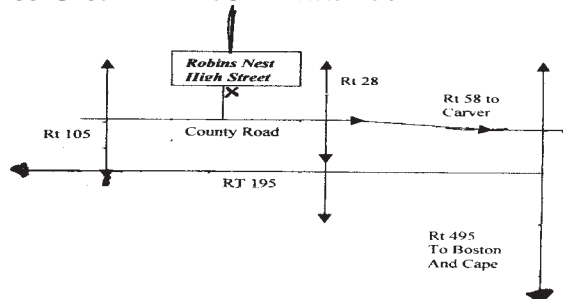
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School. The contribution will be disbursed upon the submission of contractor's invoices. Subsequent to filing our Federal Income Tax Returns and satisfying the annual filing requirements of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Office of the Attorney General, the MYAA will expend all remaining monies on Mattapoisett youth athletics.

Again, the Board of Directors of the MYAA would like to thank the generous people of Mattapoisett that have supported our causes through donations of money and, more importantly, your time. You should be very proud of the accomplishments we all made over the last year. We ask the Recreation Committee to continue having an annual Opening Day, Mid-Day Madness, and new events for the children of town. We ask the public to support the project at Old Hammondtown School, support future fund-raising for the betterment of recreational facilities in town and we ask that you remember those smiles on the children of town as they enjoy them. After all, that is what this was all about.

Sincerely,

**Mitch Suzan, Bruce Lemieux, Tom Muldoon, Kathy Costello, Gretchen MacDonald, Gary Maestas, Jay Mello, Tad Morse**  
*Board of Directors, MYAA*

**To the Editor:**

I am writing this letter to the Rochester voters who came out in record numbers and waited patiently to vote in support of preserving Eastover Farm. Through your efforts, we have come half-way to insuring that the unique character of Rochester will be preserved for all generations to come — an awesome gift! Our one remaining task is to vote on Wednesday, April 9. We hope that you will bring neighbors and friends with you to the polls.

Sincerely,

**Susan S. Adams**  
*Rochester Land Trust*

**To the Editor:**

Proceeding peacefully to participate in the recent vigil, Highways to Peace, left little time to promote the cause in our

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weekly press. But it's never too late to say thank you to those who spread the word, those who participated and those who prayed with us. We *thank you, one and all*.

As usual with last-minute events, the "behind the scenes" activity goes unnoticed. I speak for myself and 25 participants from Mattapoisett, about 15-18 from Marion and 3 from Wareham. Ages ran the gamut from 4 to almost 90, the well-dressed and those bundled to our eyebrows for the winds were biting. Intermittent sunshine, the warmth of companionship and supportive toots of cars plus a Good Samaritan who drove all the way from Barnstable to Marion with hot coffee kept our spirits up.

Much thought was put into the proper way to express our thoughts on colorful, tasteful but above all meaningful signs. A group of us on Friday made that a community endeavor and a wonderful angel offered money for art supplies. Her way of being part of it all.

Word was spread as best we could by clergy and people in the pews and those that saw the article in *The Standard-Times*. Thank you to you all. We coordinated with the Quakers to tell people of the round table discussion Sunday.

More follow up events included a silent moment with prayer and lighted candle before the St. Gabriel's Musical for Mission at the Marion Music Hall, lighted candles at the gazebo in Mattapoisett as we responded to Bishop Tutu's worldwide request for a Vigil for Peace at 7:00 pm Sunday.

Now we ask that we continue our vigil with prayers and witness for Peace but with an urgent prayer for all those affected worldwide especially our men and women in our armed forces. May their be a quick end to violence, may few be killed, may our mistakes be few, and may we hold fast to the hand of God (as we understand Him).



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### Children's Librarian

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Join the library for a special "Meet the Librarian Day" on April 12 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm to say thank you to Ms. Besse for her ten years of service as the Children's Librarian (she has moved to adult services upstairs) and to welcome Ms. Burke, the new Children's Librarian. Light refreshments will be served.

If you have any questions, please call Karen Browning at 508-758-3251, Debbi Dyson at 508-758-4717, or Lisa Hill at 508-758-2325.

### National Library Week

April 6-12 is National Library Week. The Mattapoissett Free Public Library is planning a special "Meet the Librarian's Day" in the Children's Department on Saturday, April 12, from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. Drop by to meet Ms. Burke, the new Children's Librarian, and show appreciation for Ms. Besse's ten years of service to the community (she's not

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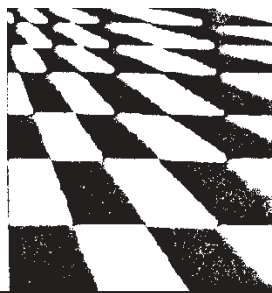
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- April 29 – George Gershwin: "Gershwin, By George";
- May 6 – Peggy Lee: "Manana"; and
- May 13 – Fred Astaire: "Top Hat, White Tie, and Tails."

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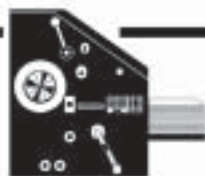
## Lighthouse Learning Center

Lighthouse Learning Center is coming to Mattapoisett. The former Mattapoisett Nursing Home, 79 North Street, is giving way to a state-of-the-art child development center, serving children ages 1 month to school age, including a.m. and p.m. preschool sessions. Lighthouse Learning Center will be providing services for full and half-day care beginning sometime in early July 2003.

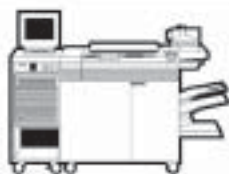
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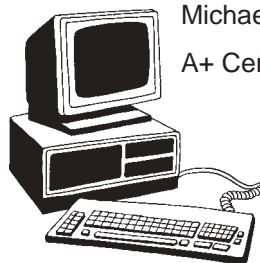
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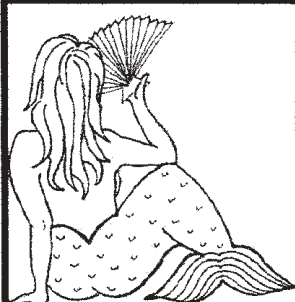
## Garden Tour Postponed?

Due to circumstances beyond their control, the Mattapoisett Woman's Club may have to postpone their Garden Tour for 2003. Three of the lovely gardens that they visited last summer are now unavailable due to temporary health problems and limited access caused by road work scheduled for the summer. The committee has worked diligently to scout out the gardens, working with the garden owners who were so gracious in helping and establishing a master plan. Now the club needs your help if they are to continue. They must have three or more gardens. Please ask your friends and neighbors whose gardens you admire and call Janet White at 508-758-8992 before the April 9 deadline. This could mean a scholarship for someone, so please act now!

## Rochester Land Trust

The Rochester Land Trust held its annual meeting on Wednesday, March 26, 2003 where three new members of the Board of Directors were elected: Richard Cutler, Lorene Gerrior and Russ Keeler. Maureen Sperry thanked Lynnea Walker for serving on the Board since 1996 (as President from 1999 - 2001) and presented her with a framed photograph of the pump and signpost in Rochester Center. The major topic of discussion, following a potluck supper, was the Eastover Farm Preservation Project.

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Rochester residents voted overwhelmingly to support borrowing \$1.75 million toward the \$6 million project that would acquire land and conservation restrictions on nearly 800 acres of Eastover Farm in Rochester and Marion. The Land Trust members appreciate the enthusiasm of those who came out for town meeting and especially the Boy Scouts who set up so many extra chairs.

But the effort isn't over. The Annual Town Election is April 9 and the polls at the new Senior Center will be open from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm. Because the ballot went to the printer before March 24, the Eastover Farm ballot question has the old amount requesting approval to borrow up to \$1.95 million. Voters need to know that the amount to be borrowed is \$1.75 as authorized by the recent Town Meeting vote, not \$1.95 million.

### Blood Pressure Clinic

There will be an evening Blood Pressure Clinic for Mattapoisett residents on Wednesday, April 16, 2003 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. The clinic will be held at the American Legion Hall on Depot Street in Mattapoisett.

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# Rochester Candidates Forum

*With the town facing severe budget constraints and reductions in state aid, how would you approach fiscal spending if (re)elected?*

**Gary Laboa, Candidate**

**Rochester Selectman (3 year term)**

"Only essential increases can be looked at until we find a way to increase revenue. Departments need to look at their budgets very carefully."

**Patricia E. Ryan, Candidate**

**Rochester Selectman (3 year term)**

"Conservatively. Conferring with department heads and all elected/appointed officials to plan an approach that will prioritize needs and be fiscally responsible to the taxpayers."

*What is the first and foremost aspect of Rochester town government which should be changed?*

**Gary Laboa, Candidate**

**Rochester Selectman (3 year term)**

"We need to strengthen inter-departmental communication and cooperation. It becomes much easier to handle issues if all of the town's resources are working together."

**Patricia E. Ryan, Candidate**

**Rochester Selectman (3 year term)**

"Continue to improve and increase cooperation and communication among and between all Town boards."

*Given the recent and ongoing school renovation projects, how do you view the future educational needs of Rochester?*

**Gary Laboa, Candidate**

**Rochester Selectman (3 year term)**

"We must take the suggestions from the RMS Building Committee, implement the most logical approach and seek financially responsible ways to support the project."

**Patricia E. Ryan, Candidate**

**Rochester Selectman (3 year term)**

"Funding our excellent educational system will become more costly as State contributions decrease. We must become innovative in ways to operate and fund our schools."

*What is your opinion of large-scale development projects and how they affect the town character?*

**Gary Laboa, Candidate**

**Rochester Selectman (3 year term)**

"We need to continue strengthening our by-laws to lessen the impact of large scale development and open dialogues with owners of developable land."

**Patricia E. Ryan, Candidate**

**Rochester Selectman (3 year term)**

"Correctly managed, development can be an asset. We need to find businesses and developers interested in working with the Town to maintain Rochester's rural character."

*What are the most important qualities which make you the ideal choice for this position?*

**Gary Laboa, Candidate**

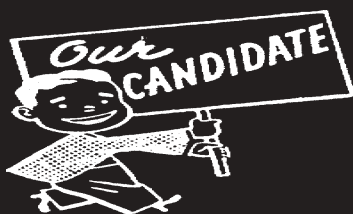
**Rochester Selectman (3 year term)**

"I have organizational skills, time to invest in the community and a proven record of results facing difficult situations and accomplishing goals with minimal disruption."

**Patricia E. Ryan, Candidate**

**Rochester Selectman (3 year term)**

"My experience in, and my understanding of, the financial, and educational structure of Government and my proven dedication to the voters of Rochester."



**Rochester Annual Town Election**

**Wednesday, April 9, 2003**

**Rochester Senior Center, Dexter Lane**

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## Mattapoisett Maonchu Club

In lieu of the regular meeting in April, the Maonchu Club will be attending the Old Rochester Regional High School Drama Club's play, *Les Miserables - School Edition* in their newly-renovated auditorium on Route 6 in Mattapoisett. A block of 50 tickets has been reserved for the club on Saturday, April 5 for the 7:30 pm performance.

If you would like to attend, the price is \$8 per ticket and you can mail your check, made out to the Maonchu Club, to Carol Atkinson, 4 Hilton Avenue, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. Please come early.

In May, the club is looking forward to a delicious Pot Luck Supper in addition to hearing Dottie Temple speak about her flower arrangements at the White House.

## VFW Chicken Barbecue

The Benjamin D. Cushing Post 2425 Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) in Marion announced a Texas-style "Take Out Only" Chicken Barbecue will be held on Sunday, April 6, 2003 at the VFW Pavilion on Route 6 in Marion. Pick up is between 12:00 noon and 1:00 pm. The menu will feature a half chicken barbecued, potato salad, Blue Lake green beans, cranberry sauce, roll and butter, and dessert. Donation is \$8 per person. For tickets and more information, please call Robert Demeo (508-748-0312); Joseph Napoli (508-748-2799); Gardner McWilliams

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# MOVIE REVIEW

## Award-Worthy

By Rob Gonsalves  
<http://robsreviews.cjb.net>



*The Pianist*. Starring Adrien Brody. Directed by Roman Polanski. Running time: 148 minutes. MPAA rating: R. At Hoyts Nickelodeon and the Bijou in Fairhaven. *Spirited Away*. Directed by Hayao Miyazaki. Running time: 125 minutes.

MPAA rating: PG. At AMC Cinema 12 at the North Dartmouth Mall.

This week we look at two films, still playing locally as I write this, that richly deserve the Oscars they recently won. First up, Roman Polanski's *The Pianist*.

Polanski is perhaps best known for his thrillers (*Rosemary's Baby*, *Repulsion*, *Chinatown*, *Frantic*), but he has always tried other genres — comedy, adventure, erotica, straight drama. *The Pianist* is something new for him; it comes out of his own experience as none of his other films do (with the possible exception of his ultra-violent *Macbeth*, his first movie after losing his pregnant wife Sharon Tate to the Manson family, and it shows). As a child, Polanski fled the Nazis, and *The Pianist* is about another survivor, Wladek Szpilman (Adrien Brody), a great young musician forced out of indifference by the encroaching Nazis in Warsaw.

Polanski's film has neither the narrative depth nor the stylistic suavity (sometimes to a fault) of Steven Spielberg's acknowledged classic *Schindler's List*. Rather, *The Pianist* is single-minded and bare-bones. Szpilman has to survive, and he goes with whoever will take him in and hide him. As a subject, the Holocaust can force a certain pragmatism out of a director (except for Roberto Benigni and his ghastly *Life Is Beautiful*), and Polanski devotes both his narrative and his filmmaking to the simple (yet complex) process of staying alive. Brody, in a near-wordless performance of eloquently silent anguish, matches Polanski's restraint. The right star and director took top honors this year.

Hayao Miyazaki's *Spirited Away* was as much of an underdog as *The Pianist*; though Disney distributed it in America, it was up against studio heavy-hitters *Ice Age* (Fox) and *Lilo & Stitch* (Disney), both of which made more money in their opening weekends than *Spirited Away* has made in America to date. (Then again, the movie had already made \$200 million overseas before seeing the light of an American projector.) Though *Ice Age* and *Lilo*



& *Stitch* are fine comedies, *Spirited Away* is a bona fide masterpiece, and for once the Academy went for quality over popularity. (They did that a lot this year, actually.)

*Spirited Away* was my third Miyazaki, after *My Neighbor Totoro* (which struck me as too cutesy-wootsy) and *Princess Mononoke* (technically dazzling but a bit too long for the point it makes); I wasn't expecting much except well-done animation. But there are moments in *Spirited Away* that should rank among the greatest of all cinema. The story concerns little girl Chihiro (voiced by Daveigh Chase, whom you may have heard as Lilo), separated from her parents after they both turn into voracious pigs (never mind), lost inside a strange bathhouse that caters to spirits who need to rinse the world's material gunk off themselves (Miyazaki returns again and again to nature spirits in his work).

Many bizarre things happen. Overly literal Western minds may not wrap themselves around *Spirited Away* comfortably, though children should accept it as a dreamlike phantasmagoria, just as they've traditionally accepted the oddities of Oz and Wonderland and Middle-earth. The throughline is simple: Chihiro must restore her parents to normal and find her way back home. Miyazaki, however, tosses in divertissements like grunting disembodied heads and a noble dragon in peril and a "stink spirit" and, most beautifully and disturbingly, a dark spirit called No-Face that stands rather forlornly on a foggy bridge in a shot that immediately lodged itself in my brain as one of the great movie images of all time. I would compare Miyazaki, without hesitation, with that other Japanese master Akira Kurosawa based solely on this film. Yes, you heard me.

If you miss *Spirited Away* in theaters, it's due for release on DVD and videocassette April 15. *The Pianist*, at press time, has no official video release date but will likely arrive later this year.

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Friday, April 4 through Thursday, April 10.

The Quiet American (R) – 1:20, 3:50, 6:50, 9:10

The Core (PG-13) – 12:55, 3:45, 6:40, 9:20

Chicago (PG-13) – 12:50, 3:55, 6:35, 9:00

Rabbit Proof Fence (PG) – 1:30, 4:00, 6:45, 9:15

What A Girl Wants (PG) – 1:00, 3:40, 6:30, 9:05

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500 Kings Highway, New Bedford, MA.  
 Movie Hotline: (508) 985-3000

Friday, April 4 through Thursday, April 10.

Chicago (PG-13) – 1:30, 4:15, 7:30, 9:55

Boat Trip (R) – 9:15

Bringing Down the House (PG-13) – 1:15, 4:05, 7:15, 9:35

A Man Apart (R) – 1:00, 4:10, 7:15, 9:35

Dreamcatcher (R) – 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:50

What A Girl Wants (PG) – 1:10, 4:00, 7:00, 9:15

Basic (R) – 1:15, 3:35, 7:10, 9:20

Agent Cody Banks (PG) – 1:10, 3:30, 7:10

Head of State (PG-13) – 1:35, 4:10, 7:20, 9:25

The Core (PG-13) – 1:05, 4:05, 7:05, 9:50

Phone Booth (R) – 1:30, 3:20, 5:20, 7:30, 9:35

The Hunted (R) – 1:20, 3:25, 5:30, 7:35, 9:40

Piglet's Big Movie (G) – 1:25, 3:10, 5:00

View from the Top (PG-13) – 7:25, 9:30

### AMC CINEMAS - DARTMOUTH 12

Faunce Corner Road, North Dartmouth, MA.  
 Movie Line: (508) 999-3141

Friday, April 4 through Thursday, April 10.

Agent Cody Banks (PG) – 1:40, 4:00, 7:10

Basic (R) – 1:50, 4:00, 8:00

Bringing Down the House (PG-13) – 1:50, 4:20, 8:00

Chicago (PG-13) – 2:10, 4:30, 7:40

Dreamcatcher (R) – 1:20, 4:15, 7:20

Head of State (PG-13) – 1:40, 3:50, 8:10

Old School (R) – 2:20, 7:50

Piglet's Big Movie (G) – 2:00, 4:40, 7:10

Spirited Away (PG) – 1:30, 4:10, 7:30

The Core (PG-13) – 1:30, 4:20, 7:30

The Hunted (R) – 2:20, 4:25, 7:40

View from the Top (PG-13) – 2:10, 4:40, 7:20

(508-295-9558); Jere Hill (508-295-5047); John Robarge (508-295-9107); or Harry Brown Jr. (508-748-2799).

### Loft School Openings

The Loft School in Marion is interviewing applicants for part-time Teacher and Teacher Assistant positions for Fall 2003-2004 school year. The Loft School is a non-profit cooperative preschool which offers a Three's and Four's program as well as Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Enrichment program. Please send resume/letter to P.O. Box 683, Marion, MA 02738. For more information about the programs and requirements, please call Jenni Strand at 508-748-1243.

### Mattapoisett Tax Bills

The second half of FY 2003 Real Estate Tax Bills have been mailed. *Payment is due* on May 1. Anyone who does not receive their bill, should call the Mattapoisett Tax Collector's Office at 508-758-4108.

### Rochester Historical Commission

The Rochester Historical Commission will sponsor an informational meeting Wednesday, April 9, 2003 at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall. This meeting is to present information pertaining to the application of the Rochester Historical District to the National Register of Historic Places. A representative for the National Register

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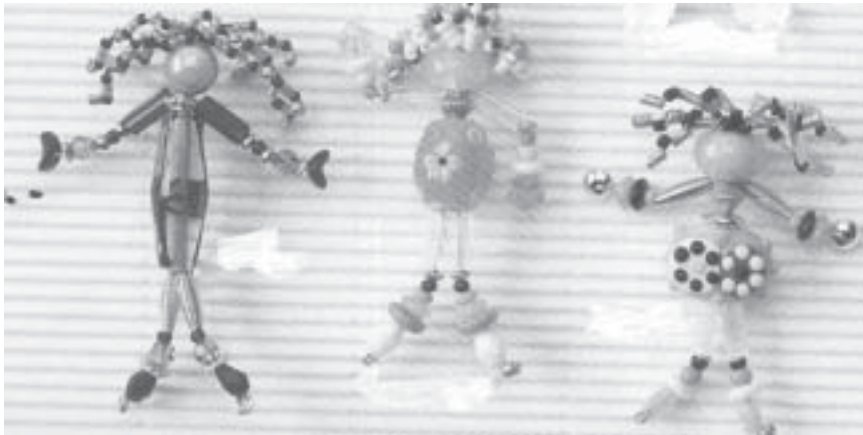
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# Regional Lunch Menus

## • ACUSHNET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

**Monday, April 7** – Chicken fajita, bologna sandwich, rice, fresh fruit, milk.

**Tuesday, April 8** – Spaghetti and meat sauce, ham sandwich, green beans, fresh fruit, milk.

**Wednesday, April 9** – French toast sticks, turkey sandwich, sausage link, fresh fruit, milk.

**Thursday, April 10** – Hot dog on a roll, bologna sandwich, potato puffs, green beans, fresh fruit, milk.

**Friday, April 11** – Round pizza, tuna salad sandwich, carrot sticks, fresh fruit, milk.

## • COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

**Monday, April 7** – Corn chowder, baked fish with tartar sauce, zucchini and tomatoes, rye bread, orange.

**Tuesday, April 8** – Beef and bean casserole, white rice, mixed vegetables, oatmeal bread, pudding, sugar-free pudding.

**Wednesday, April 9** – Chicken piccata, escalloped potatoes, carrots, snowflake roll, pears in light syrup.

**Thursday, April 10** – Meatloaf with gravy, whipped potatoes, winter squash, multi-grain roll, cookie, graham waffle.

**Friday, April 11** – Macaroni and cheese, escalloped tomatoes, apple muffin bread, fruit cocktail in light syrup.

## • CENTER SCHOOL MATTAPOISETT

**Monday, April 7** – Hot dog on a roll, crispy fries, baked beans, fruit, dessert, milk.

**Tuesday, April 8** – Beef taco, chicken fajita, lettuce, tomato, cheese, nachos, fruit, dessert, milk.

**Wednesday, April 9** – Chicken tomato bake, garlic bread, toasted

cheese, soup, salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

**Thursday, April 10** – Hamburger/cheeseburger, lettuce, tomato, crispy fries, fruit, dessert, milk.

**Friday, April 11** – Cheese stuffed crust pizza, seafood salad roll, tossed salad, soup, fruit, dessert, milk.

## • FAIRHAVEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

**Monday, April 7** – Kentucky style chicken, hamburger/cheeseburger, baked pork chop with gravy, Steak'Um and cheese sub, rice pilaf, corn niblets, chilled peaches, chilled pineapple.

**Tuesday, April 8** – Spaghetti with meat sauce, grated mozzarella, shaved turkey and lettuce sub, grilled cheese, mac rib, potato wedges, green beans, chilled pears, strawberry jello with topping.

**Wednesday, April 9** – Pot roast with gravy, hot ham and cheese sub, hamburger/cheeseburger, bologna and lettuce sub, whipped potatoes, peas, chilled applesauce, chocolate chip cookie.

**Thursday, April 10** – Cinnamon swirl French toast with syrup, Canadian bacon, scrambled eggs, shaved turkey and lettuce sub, potato puffs, baked beans, chilled pears, mini Rice Krispie treat.

**Friday, April 11** – Cheese pizza, Italian spice pizza, cheese tortellini with sauce, grated mozzarella, tuna salad sub, oven fries, green beans, chilled peaches, spice applesauce.

## • FAIRHAVEN HIGH SCHOOL

**Monday, April 7** – Honey BBQ chicken wings, baked pork chop with gravy, steak and cheese grinder, rice pilaf, corn niblets, chilled pears, raspberry jello with topping.

**Tuesday, April 8** – Taco boat with all the fixings, chicken fajita wrap with salsa, açoila grinder, Spanish rice, baked beans, chilled pineapple, chocolate whip with topping.

**Wednesday, April 9** – Hot turkey sandwich, open face hot pastrami, double grilled cheese sandwich, whipped potatoes, peas, cranberry sauce, chilled peaches, baked apple with topping.

**Thursday, April 10** – EARLY DISMISSAL at 11:00 a.m. (gazebo open).

**Friday, April 11** – French bread pizza, stuffed manicotti with sauce, grated mozzarella, garlic bread, turkey/

lettuce/tomato grinder, tossed salad, potato puffs, chilled pears, lime jello with topping.

## • HASTINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL, FAIRHAVEN

**Monday, April 7** – Kentucky style chicken, hamburger/cheeseburger, baked pork chop with gravy, Steak'Um and cheese sub, rice pilaf, corn niblets, chilled peaches, chilled pineapple.

**Tuesday, April 8** – Spaghetti with meat sauce, grated mozzarella, shaved turkey and lettuce sub, grilled cheese, mac rib, potato wedges, green beans, chilled pears, strawberry jello with topping.

**Wednesday, April 9** – Pot roast with gravy, hot ham and cheese sub, hamburger/cheeseburger, bologna and lettuce sub, whipped potatoes, peas, chilled applesauce, chocolate chip cookie.

**Thursday, April 10** – EARLY DISMISSAL at 11:30 a.m. (breakfast will be served).

**Friday, April 11** – Cheese pizza, bacon pizza, cheese tortellini with sauce, grated mozzarella, tuna salad sub, oven fries, green beans, chilled peaches, spice applesauce.

## • MEMORIAL SCHOOL ROCHESTER

**Monday, April 7** – Hot dog on a roll, crispy fries, baked beans, fruit, dessert, milk.

**Tuesday, April 8** – Beef taco, chicken fajita, lettuce, tomato, cheese, nachos, fruit, dessert, milk.

**Wednesday, April 9** – Chicken tomato bake, garlic bread, toasted cheese, soup, salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

**Thursday, April 10** – Hamburger/cheeseburger, lettuce, tomato, crispy fries, fruit, dessert, milk.

**Friday, April 11** – Cheese stuffed crust pizza, seafood salad roll, tossed salad, soup, fruit, dessert, milk.

## • OLD COLONY REGIONAL VOKE HIGH SCHOOL

**Monday, April 7** – Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, carrots, bread, fruit, cake.

**Tuesday, April 8** – Pasta with meat sauce, green beans, roll, pineapples, cookie bar.

**Wednesday, April 9** – Cheeseburger, French fries, corn, apple, oatmeal cookie.

**Thursday, April 10** – Chili dog, grilled hot dog, baked beans, potato chips, peas, pudding.

**Friday, April 11** – Pizza, pretzels, mixed vegetables, fruit, dessert.

## • OLD HAMMONDTOWN SCHOOL, MATTAPOISETT

**Monday, April 7** – Hot dog on a roll, crispy fries, baked beans, fruit, dessert, milk.

**Tuesday, April 8** – Beef taco, chicken fajita, lettuce, tomato, cheese, nachos, fruit, dessert, milk.

**Wednesday, April 9** – Chicken tomato bake, garlic bread, toasted cheese, soup, salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

**Thursday, April 10** – Hamburger/cheeseburger, lettuce, tomato, crispy fries, fruit, dessert, milk.

**Friday, April 11** – Cheese stuffed crust pizza, seafood salad roll, tossed salad, soup, fruit, dessert, milk.

## • ORR JUNIOR and SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS

**Monday, April 7** – Soup, French toast sticks, sausage, fish sandwich, home fries, warm apples, fruit, juice or milk.

**Tuesday, April 8** – Soup, chicken patty, potato wedge, tuna pocket, turkey pocket, lettuce, tomato, pickle, dessert, juice or milk.

**Wednesday, April 9** – Soup, spaghetti with meat sauce, chicken nuggets, garlic bread, salad, dessert, juice or milk.

**Thursday, April 10** – Soup, turkey taco, chicken salad roll, lettuce, tomato, nachos, dessert, juice or milk.

**Friday, April 11** – Soup, Sloppy Joe, French fries, seafood salad roll, pickle, dessert, juice or milk.

## • SIPPICAN SCHOOL MARION

**Monday, April 7** – Hot dog on a roll, crispy fries, baked beans, fruit, dessert, milk.

**Tuesday, April 8** – Beef taco, chicken fajita, lettuce, tomato, cheese, nachos, fruit, dessert, milk.

**Wednesday, April 9** – Chicken tomato bake, garlic bread, toasted cheese, soup, salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

**Thursday, April 10** – Hamburger/cheeseburger, lettuce, tomato, crispy fries, fruit, dessert, milk.

**Friday, April 11** – Cheese stuffed crust pizza, seafood salad roll, tossed salad, soup, fruit, dessert, milk.



will be there to explain the process and to answer any questions. This meeting is open to the public and anyone who is interested is urged to attend.

### Chicken Pie in Marion

The Marion United Methodist Church will hold a Chicken Pie Supper and Silent Auction on Saturday, April 12 at 5:30 pm. The menu will include chicken pie, mashed potatoes, peas, carrots, cranberry sauce, beverage, and dessert. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$4 for children. Please call Jane at 508-748-0476 to make reservations.

### Fairhaven Boating Basics

The Fairhaven Harbormaster, Fairhaven Police Department, and Massachusetts Environmental Police will be offering a free "Boating Basics" Safety Course during five night programs in April. The educational program is open to the public free of charge. The primary purpose of these courses is to foster safe attitudes by developing an increased awareness of safe boating practices, legal responsibilities and general marine knowledge.

Young people are encouraged to attend with their parents, if possible. Successful completion of such an approved boating safety course by persons 12 through 15 years of age who wish to operate a motorboat without adult supervision is required by state regulation. A Massachusetts Boating Safety certificate and wallet card will be awarded to students who successfully complete this course.

Pre-registration is required and can be done by calling the Fairhaven Harbormaster's Office at 508-984-4529. The April program will take place in the Fairhaven Police Department training room, at Bryant Lane and Washington Street in Fairhaven, on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, on April 8, 10, 15, 17 and 22 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm.

### Lions Show in Mattapoisett

The Mattapoisett Lions Club is sponsoring "An Evening of Entertainment" at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Saturday, April 26 from 7:00 pm to 12:00 midnight. The event commences at 7:00 pm to the music of the local band, Then and Now, for your dancing and listening pleasure. This musical group, featuring vocalist Sharon Jensen, will entertain with songs from the '40s through the present.

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## INNER VIEWS

# Game's Over

By Kenneth J. Souza  
[news@wanderer.com](mailto:news@wanderer.com)



Spring is here and with it comes the promise of fun-filled outdoor recreational activities like baseball. The Red Sox just played their season opener this past Monday and soon young would-be players in Mattapoisett will also dig out their bats, balls and gloves to bask in a repeat of last year's Opening Day glory.

*Or will they?*

Sadly, the Mattapoisett Youth Activities Association (MYAA) which organized and promoted those first Opening Day festivities in over 10 years won't be around this time out. The volunteer Board of Directors of the non-profit organization has unanimously voted to dissolve after attending a Board of Selectmen's meeting last month alongside members of the appointed Recreation Committee which turned somewhat confrontational and territorial. Were there an umpire sitting beside me at that meeting, I'm pretty sure he would have cried foul.

It seems the MYAA — not to be confused with the former and now-defunct Mattapoisett Youth *Athletic* Association — had been approached by members of the Recreation Committee and Recreation Director John Haley about contributing financially toward the construction of a new baseball field at Old Hammondtown School. Although the MYAA was poised to contribute to the effort, the Selectmen made a point of stressing that any money raised by the non-profit 501 C (3) corporation *on town property* should be used to support town endeavors ... in other words, recreational activities supported by the appointed Recreation Committee and paid Recreation Director.

Since the MYAA raised a sizeable chunk of their money last year through advertising signs posted at the existing Lamborghini baseball field — which they did with the permission and blessing of Recreation Director John Haley — the Board of Selectmen and Recreation Committee both felt that money should be earmarked specifically for town projects such as the new baseball field at Old Hammondtown School.

In fact, there was a prevailing assumption among everyone at this meeting that the newly-formed MYAA was to solely be a "fund-raising arm of the Recreation Committee." But the MYAA Board of Directors clearly stated their mission and purpose from the get-go was to support both ongoing activities and events sponsored by the Recreation Committee *and* work toward building a state-of-the-art recreational facility for everyone in Mattapoisett to enjoy. I don't think these two goals were at cross-purposes and it was grossly unfair for the Selectmen and Recreation Committee to paint them as such.

It's not uncommon for private, non-profit groups to form as a means to raise funds for public groups like the Recreation Committee since they are not allowed to fund-raise as a town entity. But the fly in the ointment — at least according to the Mattapoisett Selectmen — was the fact that the MYAA garnered their funds by sponsoring advertising signs on *public property*. Although this may sound like a reasonable and cogent argument, I would only caution that the town has consistently supported the raising of funds by another high-profile non-profit organization for years.

Two words: *Harbor Days*.

Granted, I wouldn't want to jeopardize the good charity work of the Mattapoisett Lions Club, but I don't think the ultimate goals of the now-disbanded MYAA were any less sincere or worthwhile, either.

To me, this last-minute power struggle was an affront to all the hard-working MYAA members (most of whom were dedicated parents), who successfully revived a defunct organization and managed to raise both much-needed funding and, even more importantly, public awareness of the town's recreational programs. I only hope the hand-picked members of the Recreation Committee and the \$14,349-salaried Recreation Director make good on the promising start the MYAA gave to the town's youth last year now that the game's over.



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# Local Police Logs

## MARION

*The following log excerpts are for the week of March 23, 2003 through March 29, 2003:*

- Mill Street – suspicious motor vehicle
- Front Street – parking violation
- Olde Knoll Road – animal complaint
- Register Road – officer wanted
- Mill Street – suspicious motor vehicle
- Barros Drive – officer wanted
- Point Road – suspicious activity
- Wareham Road – lost property
- Quail's Crossing Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Point Road – assist other police department
- Rose Cottage Lane – animal complaint
- Mill Street – shoplifting in progress/adult arrests: 2 (disorderly conduct, disturbing the peace, resisting arrest, operating under the influence of liquor, operating under the influence of drugs, failure to stop for police, reckless operation of motor vehicle, marked lines violation, speeding, warrant: larceny over \$250)
- Marion Road – suspicious activity
- Converse Road – larceny/past
- Wareham Road – larceny/past
- Wareham Road – suspicious motor vehicle/adult arrest (protective custody)
- Indian Cove Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Wareham Road – found property
- Wareham Road – breaking and entering/past
- Front Street – animal complaint
- Spring Street – motor vehicle complaint
- Wareham Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Route 105 – motor vehicle accident/hit and run/property damage

- River Road – animal complaint
- Wareham Road – larceny/past
- Pumping Station Road – disturbance
- Wareham Road – breaking and entering/in progress
- Wareham Road – adult arrest (operating under the influence of liquor, negligent operation of motor vehicle, possession of open container of alcohol, marked lanes violation)
- Mill Street – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Route 6 – vandalism/past
- Route 195 East – suspicious motor vehicle
- Stoney Run Lane – suspicious activity
- Allen's Point Road – trespassing
- Spring Street – fraud
- Mansfield Avenue – motor vehicle accident/hit and run/property damage
- Autumn Lane – gunshots reported
- Delano Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Route 195 West – suspicious motor vehicle.

## MATTAPOISETT

*The following log excerpts are for the week of March 23, 2003 through March 29, 2003:*

- Shaw Street – suspicious motor vehicle
- County Road – mutual aid/police
- Mattapoisett Neck Road – safety/road hazard
- County Road – motor vehicle accident
- Park Street – motor vehicle accident/hit and run
- County Road – domestic disturbance
- Mattapoisett Neck Road – animal control
- Hammond Street – suspicious motor vehicle
- County Road – larceny/forgery/fraud
- County Road – property returned
- Acushnet Road – vandalism
- Tallman Street – motor vehicle accident/hit and run
- Fairhaven Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Fairhaven Road – adult arrest
- Crestfield Street – safety/road hazard
- Fairhaven Road – adult arrest
- County Road – vandalism
- Fairhaven Road – missing person
- Fairhaven Road – larceny/forgery/

fraud

- Marion Road – disorderly person
- Jane Lane – safety/road hazard
- Snow Fields Road – animal control
- Tinkham Lane – suspicious activity
- Mill Street – mutual aid/police
- Fairhaven Road – domestic disturbance
- North Street – suspicious motor vehicle
- Brandt Island Road – suspicious persons
- Brandt Island Road – disturbance
- Marion Road – assist citizen.

## ROCHESTER

*The following log excerpts are for the week of March 24, 2003 through April 1, 2003:*

- Pierce Street – adult arrest (intimidating witness, disturbing the peace)
- Taber Lane – adult arrest (warrant)
- New Bedford Road – adult arrest (warrant, no inspection sticker)
- Snipatuit Road – vandalism
- Pine Street – aid to public
- Rounseville Road – found property
- Dexter Lane – officer wanted
- Snipatuit Road – trespassing
- Mattapoisett Road – runaway
- Plumb Corner Mall – suspicious motor vehicle
- Dexter Lane – assist other police department
- Snipatuit Road – assist fire department
- North Avenue – traffic control
- Rounseville Road – officer wanted
- Braley Hill Road – erratic operation of motor vehicle
- Dexter Lane – threats
- Rounseville Road – assist other police department
- North Avenue – suspicious activity
- Pierce Street – aid to public
- Walnut Plain Road – missing person
- North Avenue – erratic operation of motor vehicle
- Snipatuit Road – assist fire department
- Neck Road – suspicious activity
- Bennett Road – noise complaint
- Winter's Way – missing person
- North Avenue – disturbance
- Randall Road – vandalism
- Allen Road – assist fire department
- Snipatuit Road – vandalism.

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### Marion Town Election

Absentee ballots are now available at the Marion Town Clerk's office for the local election to be held on Friday, May 2 at the Marion Music Hall, 164 Front Street. Anyone wishing to vote prior to the election due to absence from town on election day may vote in the office during regular business hours (8:00 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Thursday, and 8:00 am to 3:30 pm on Friday) prior to 12:00 noon on Thursday, May 1. Upon receipt of a written application, absentee ballots will be mailed to voters who are out of the area. For further information, please call Town Clerk/Treasurer/Collector Debra Blanchette at 508-748-3505.

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22 Sutherland solo  
23 HEAD STARTS  
27 Dogpatch's Daisy —  
28 Patriot Nathan  
29 Sherwood sight  
30 Moscow moola  
31 Workbench attachment  
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34 Expert  
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37 Medical measure  
40 Chalice accessory  
41 Hammer feature  
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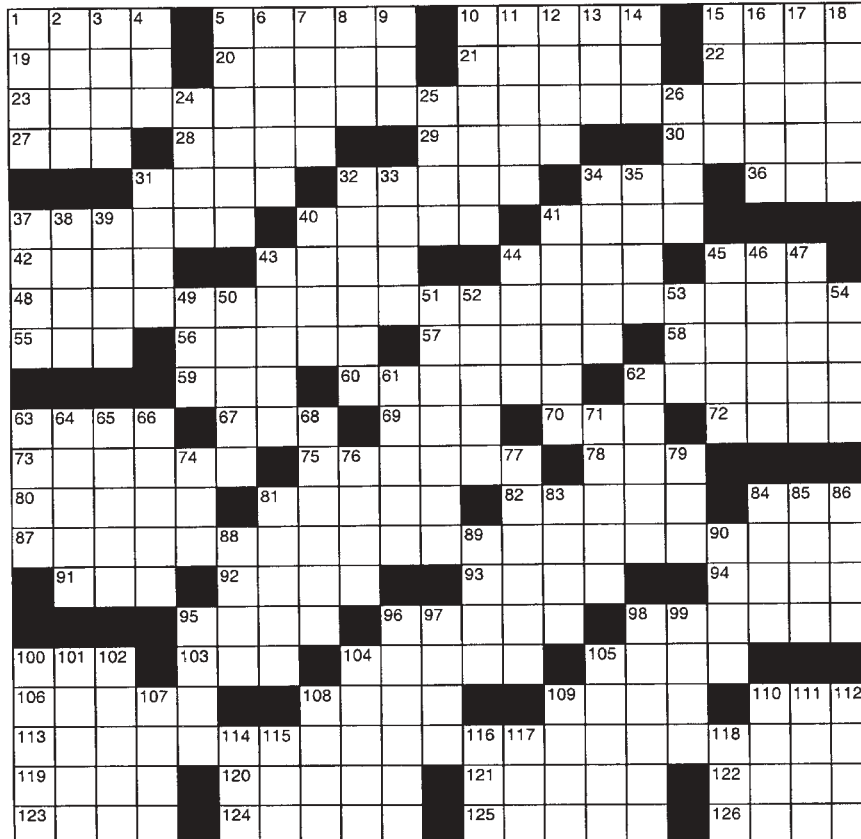
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62 Sunday supper  
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64 "On the Waterfront" director  
65 Japanese porcelain  
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68 Act like Vikings?  
71 Effluvia  
74 Enjoy the Alps  
76 Uncluttered  
77 A great many  
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81 On — (doing great)  
83 Baseball's Aparicio  
84 Add color  
85 Fruit-tree spray

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88 California resort  
89 A shake in the grass?  
90 Taj town  
95 Mr. Ma  
96 Actress Ryder  
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101 Skirt shape  
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104 Hardy's "The — of Caster-bridge"  
105 Vital sign  
107 He's Devine  
108 It may be square  
109 See 118  
110 Bunch of birds  
111 Bailiwick  
112 Knitter's need  
114 Purrfect pet?  
115 Barley beverage  
116 Summon mommy  
117 Bray beginning  
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## SALOME'S STARS

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Resist a confrontation with that irksome person. The matter will soon blow over anyway. Meanwhile, channel your high Arian energy into areas with more positive potential.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) The innovative Bovine finds a creative way to resolve a sensitive domestic problem by midweek. A former colleague returns with an intriguing business suggestion.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) An unexpected critical statement from someone you trust could catch you momentarily off guard. But you soon recover your equilibrium and rise to the challenge.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) You might feel you can handle a new project on your own. But advice from someone with experience could help you avoid possibly costly as well as time-consuming obstacles.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Waiting for others to make decisions is difficult for the take-charge Lion. But by week's end, you should hear news that will help you regain control of the situation.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Your superjudgmental side could dominate the week unless you try to keep it in check. Otherwise you risk offending people, including some who are very close to you.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Expect more information to come out about that possible career shift. Meanwhile, your loving concern helps someone close to you get through a worrisome period.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Despite an occasional setback, workplace pressures should continue to ease through most of the week. This would be a good time to plan that long-delayed trip.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) The sage Sagittarian quickly recognizes an opportunity when she or he sees it, especially if it's one you've been planning for. Take aim and go for it.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) The Sea Goat's unique insight guides you as you check out a questionable situation. Your efforts should prove rewarding for you and your many supporters.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) You might want to pace yourself a bit more. Rushing could lead to serious slip-ups. Take more time to check out details you might otherwise overlook.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) The best way to resolve those remaining problems is to ask others for help. They'll be happy to do so, especially when you agree to share the credit for a job well done.

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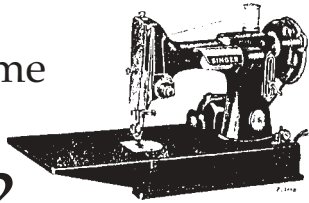
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The Annual Town Meeting will begin on Monday, April 28, 2003 at 6:45 pm in the Sippican School Auditorium and the Election will be held in the Marion Music Hall, 164 Front Street, on Friday, May 2, 2003 from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm.

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<p>TOWN OF ROCHESTER BOARD OF APPEALS LEGAL NOTICE #828 Notice is hereby given that the Rochester Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of Edmund J. Harrington, 139 Walnut Plain Road, who is seeking a special permit under section VIII.C.2.a. to allow an accessory structure larger than the allowed 1000 square feet. Proposed is a 1200 square foot garage. Property is identified On Assessors maps as plan 30 lot 13H. The public hearing will be held on Thursday, April 24, 7:30 p.m., in the Rochester Town Hall Conference Room. Ellen E. Endres, Chairman 04/03, 04/10</p> <p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION LEGAL NOTICE The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday April 14, 2003 at 8:40pm in the Town Hall on the Request for A Determination of Applicability submitted by Stephen &amp; Debra Ridge, 57 Reed Avenue, South Weymouth, MA 02190. The proposed project is to construct a 10x14 shed on sonotubes. The project is located at 11 Shore Drive and is further identified as Lot 96 on Assessor Map 4. Conservation Commission 04/03</p> <p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 16, 2003 at 7:20 PM in the main conference room of the Marion Town House on a Notice of Intent submitted by DR. MICHAEL POPITZ to remove willow trees in front of the house and along Indian Cove Road, and replace them with suitable wetland shrubs such as elderberry or swamp azalea. The project is located at 64 Indian Cove Road and is further identified as Lot 124 on Marion Assessors' Map 18. Plans are available at the Town House for review. Robert J. Merlino, Chairman 04/03</p> <p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 16, 2003 at 7:00 PM in the main conference room of the Marion Town House on a Request for a Determination of Applicability (41D-1138) submitted by MATTHEW AND JOCELYN GANDOLFI to construct a single-family dwelling with a garage and paved driveway, install pertinent utilities, and to fill and grade. The site is further identified as Lot 131 Olde Sheepfield Road as shown on Marion Assessors' Map 17. Plans are available at the Town House for review. Robert J. Merlino, Chairman 04/03</p>	<p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT BOARD OF APPEALS Notice is hereby given that the Mattapoisett Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on the following applications and petitions: Application of David S. and Ashelyn P. Stroud of 35 Water Street, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 re property located at 4 North Street. The applicants are seeking a Special Permit as required by a prior Board of Appeals Decision #328 that states, "any further addition or alterations to the existing structure shall require a Special Permit from the Board of Appeals". The current proposal includes an addition to the dwelling as well as an entrance porch. The property is further described as Plat 19, Lot 162A on the Assessors Map. The hearing will be held in the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, April 17, 2003 at 6:00 PM #945 Application of Todd Rodriques, dba Yard Boss Landscape Design of 12 Louthan Kirby way, South Dartmouth, MA 02748 re property located on Fairhaven Road and owned by Pallatrone &amp; Gingras, Inc. the applicant is seeking a Special Permit under Section 3.1.2.1 of the Zoning By-Law to allow a nonconforming use in connection with a landscaping business. The property is further described as Plat 17, Lot 100 on the Assessors Map. The hearing will be held in the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, April 17, 2003 at 6:15pm. #946 Petition of Richard and Melanie Reilly of 4 Knollwood Drive, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 re property located at 79 North Street. The applicants are seeking a Variance under Section 3.5.2.1 of the Zoning By-Law for the placement of a permanent sign (4'x6') to advertise the business of a new child-care facility (Lighthouse Learning Center) that is located in a residential area which allows a sign of only three (3) square feet. The property is further described as Plot 16, Lot 30 on the Assessors Map. The hearing will be held in the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, April 17, 2003 at 6:30pm. #947 Petition of Nicholas Bryan-Brown and Claudia Richards of 14 Beacon Street, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 re property located 14 Beacon Street. The petitioners are requesting a Variance under Section 6.5 of the Zoning By-Law to construct a garage that will not meet the required sideline setback for this zoning district. The property is further described as Plot 8, Lot 87 on the Assessors Map. the hearing will be held in the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, April 17, 2003 at 6:45pm. #948. Complete applications and plans as filed are available for inspection in the Office of the Town Clerk during normal office hours. Sincerely, Jeffrey R. Chase, Chairman Robert J. Bertrand Nancy L. O'Brien Girard F. Oliva Jack R. McGill 04/03, 04/10</p>	<p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, April 28, 2003 at 8:00 PM in the Mattapoisett Town Hall on the Notice of Intent submitted by Daniel J. Andrade. The Applicant proposed to upgrade a tight tank with a pump chamber and title 5 sewage disposal leaching field withing the 100ft Buffer one of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland and within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage. The project is located at 4 Howard Beach, Mattapoisett Assessors Map #14, Lot #14. Conservation Commission 04/03</p> <p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, April 14, 2003 at 7:20 PM in the Mattapoisett Town Hall on the Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation submitted by Ted O'Reilly, 20 Oliver Street, Mattapoisett, Massachusetts, Map 5, Lots 43, 44, 45 &amp; 46. The Applicant is seeking approval of the delineation of an Area Subject to Protection Under the Wetlands Protection Act pursuant to 310 CMR 10. Conservation Commission 04/03</p> <div data-bbox="1073 1247 1520 1730"> <p><b>SCHOOLIES</b> © 2001 by John P. Wood</p> </div>

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Delete Section 6.1.5 in its entirety and insert a new Section 6.1.5.</li> <li>4. Amend Section 9.5 by deleting the phrase "within fourteen days of the pre-submission meeting" and insert "within twenty-two days of the pre-submission meeting."</li> <li>5. Amendment to Section 8.1.4 Special Provision, Flood Hazard, updating reference to Flood Insurance Rate Map.</li> <li>6. Amendment to renumber sections of the by-law</li> <li>7. Delete two unnumbered paragraphs regarding detached accessory buildings in Section 5.1 and insert new language in Section 5.1 referring to detached accessory buildings.</li> <li>8. Amendment to Section 9.10.2 by deleting the sentence beginning "No Special Permit shall be issued" and inserting the following, "No Special Permit shall be issued by any special permit granting authority without the written approval of the site plan by the Planning Board, or unless forty-five (45) days lapse from the date of the site plan application without action by the Planning Board; however, no site plan review shall be required for single family or two-family uses."</li> <li>9. Delete Section 7.4.4 Non-Conforming Uses</li> </ol> <p>Complete copy of articles is available in the Town Clerk's office during normal business hours.</p> <p>The Marion Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, April 15, 2003 at 7:30PM in the Main Conference Room of the Marion Town House to consider the following amendment to the Zoning By-law:</p> <p>Article: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-law by adding a new Section 8.12 Inclusionary Housing.</p> <p>Complete copy of article is available in the Town Clerk's office during normal business hours.</p> <p>David Hirschberg, Chairman 03/20, 03/27</p>	<p>TOWN OF MARION ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS LEGAL NOTICE CASE #516 The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 17, 2003, in the Main Conference Room of the Marion Town House on the application of Thomas C. Webster III for a special permit under section 6.1.5 of the zoning by-laws to allow the reconstruction, extension and alteration of a non-conforming single family residence. The side setbacks will now conform and the non-conforming front setback (30' 2") will be less non-conforming. The property, at 34 Oakdale Avenue, is further identified as Lots 20C &amp; 21 on Assessors' Plan 12. Roger F. Blanchette, Chairman 03/27, 04/03</p> <p>TOWN OF MARION BOARD OF HEALTH LEGAL NOTICE A public hearing will be held on 08 April 2003 at 4:55 PM on the variance application, submitted by Kevin and Janice McClurg, pertaining to property located at 30 ABEL'S WAY. The property is further identified as Lot 02F on Marion Plat 17. The requested variances are from: [[1]] Title V 310 CMR 15.104 – to design the septic system leaching area based on sieve analysis instead of an actual percolation test; [[2]] 310 CMR 15.211(1) – leaching area 20 ft from the bordering vegetated wetland instead of 50; [[3]] – 310 CMR 15.211(1) – septic tank 7 ft from the BVW instead of 25; [[4]] 310 CMR 15.212(a) – leaching area separation 2 ft, instead of 4 ft, to high ground water level; and [[5]] Marion Sanitary Code 4.60.2 – daily flow rate of 330 gallons per day instead of 400. The hearing will be conducted in the Main Conference Room of the Marion Town House at 2 Spring Street. THOMAS T. STREETER MD, FACS Chairman 03/27, 04/03</p> <p>TOWN OF MARION BOARD OF HEALTH LEGAL NOTICE A public hearing will be held on 08 April 2003 at 5:05 PM on the variance application, submitted by Richard and Louise Shanahan, pertaining to property located at 614 FRONT STREET. The property is further identified as Lot 70 on Marion Plat 23. The requested variances are from: Title V 310 CMR 15.212(a) – to design the septic system leaching area separation to be at 3 feet, instead of 4 foot, above the high ground water level. The hearing will be conducted in the Main Conference Room of the Marion Town House at 2 Spring Street. THOMAS T. STREETER MD, FACS Chairman 03/27, 04/03</p> <p>LEGAL NOTICE ROAD CLOSING The owners of Old Wood Road and Harbor Acres Lane will close these private roads to public traffic on April 7, 2003. William Mansfield Leona Mansfield Owners 03/27, 04/03</p>
<p><b>LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS</b></p> <p>TOWN OF MARION ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS LEGAL NOTICE CASE #517 The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 17, 2003, in the Main Conference Room of the Marion Town House on the application of Patrick and Jennifer Cipriano for a special permit under section 6.1.3 of the zoning by-laws to allow a 13' x 18' addition to be constructed closer to the side property line than permitted. The property, at 15 Briggs Terrace, is further identified as Lot 60 on Assessors' Plan 23. Roger F. Blanchette, Chairman 03/27, 04/03</p>		



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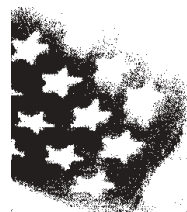
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The Sea Shell Steppers' Spring Square and Round Dance will be held on Saturday, April 5 from 8:00 to 10:30 pm at the Acushnet Council on Aging (COA) Hall on South Main Street in Acushnet. The level is mainstream-plus.

### North Fairhaven Yard Sale

The Annual North Fairhaven Yard Sale, sponsored by the Church of the Good Shepherd, will be held on Saturday, May 24 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at 357 Main Street in North Fairhaven. In case of rain, it will be held the following day, Sunday, May 25 from 12:00 noon to 4:00 pm. Individual yard sales will be held throughout the area, and the Church of the Good Shepherd will have a giant sale at the church, including a lunch menu. Rental for crafters, businesses and individuals is \$15 (non-refundable) or \$20 the day of the sale. Spaces will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. A map listing all the area yard sales will be available at the church on the morning of the sale. To get your free listing on the "Yard Sale Map," or for more information, please call Brenda at 508-997-9764.

### Mattapoisett Transfer Station

The summer hours at the Mattapoisett Transfer Station are Tuesday through Saturday, 8:00 am to 3:00 pm starting the week of April 14, 2003. If you have any questions, please call the Mattapoisett Board of Health at 508-758-4112.

### Sippican Club Awards

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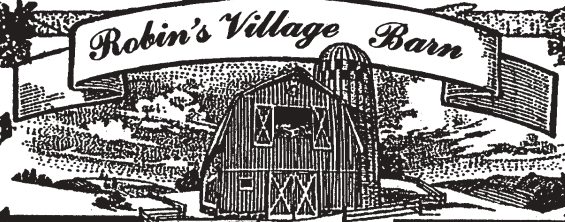
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### Fairhaven Candlelight Vigils

Every Sunday at 7:00 pm, a Vigil for Peace will be held on the stairs of the Fairhaven Town Hall. The Candlelight Vigil for Peace, initiated by MoveOn.org, is a chance for those concerned about the coming war with Iraq to join together. The vigil will last about an hour and is open to all ages and faiths. Please bring a candle, protected from the wind. If war should begin, various churches will be open for those who wish to gather with other concerned citizens. The Unitarian Church will be open until 8:00 pm.

### Organ Recital in Marion

International organ recitalist Carlo Curley will be giving a concert on the Andrew Heitman Memorial Organ in the Wickenden Chapel at Tabor Academy in Marion on Friday, April 11 at 8:00 pm. He will perform works by Guilman, Stanley, J. S. Bach, Handel and Saint-Saens as well as his own transcriptions. The concert, which is offered free of charge and is open to the public will be followed by a reception to meet the organist.

Carlo Curley is one of the few artists in the world who gives concerts on the classical organ, unsupported by a teaching or a church position. His mission is to establish the organ at the forefront of musical instruments, "even if it takes the rest of my life." He has performed in many of the major international venues, in both orchestral and solo contexts, including recently in Japan, Hong Kong, Australia and France, where he was one of only five world-class recitalists invited to perform on the magnificent new instrument in the Church of St. Eustache, Paris, during the inaugural-year series. (He also recorded an all-Bach CD on the St. Eustache organ for Decca/London.)

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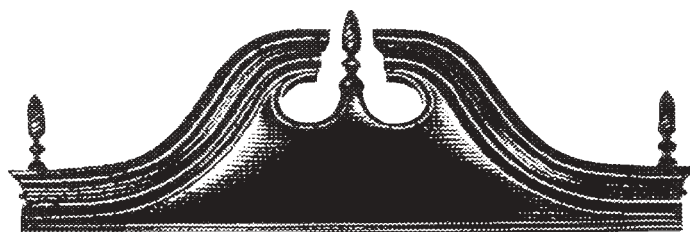
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April 3:	Thur.	8:55	9:03	2:18	2:12
April 4:	Fri.	9:29	9:35	2:51	2:45
April 5:	Sat.	10:05	10:09	3:25	3:19
April 6:	Sun.	11:44	11:47	5:00	4:55
April 7:	Mon.	...	12:27	5:37	5:33
April 8:	Tues.	12:30	1:16	6:21	6:18
April 9:	Wed.	1:21	2:10	7:23	7:18
April 10:	Thur.	2:20	3:10	9:02	8:36
April 11:	Fri.	3:26	4:14	10:20	9:57
April 12:	Sat.	4:35	5:16	11:09	11:03
April 13:	Sun.	5:39	6:12	11:50	...
April 14:	Mon.	6:36	7:03	12:01	12:30
April 15:	Tues.	7:27	7:51	12:54	1:12
April 16:	Wed.	8:16	8:40	1:46	1:55
April 17:	Thur.	9:05	9:28	2:38	2:38
April 18:	Fri.	9:55	10:20	3:28	3:22
April 19:	Sat.	10:47	11:13	4:17	4:07
April 20:	Sun.	11:41	...	5:08	4:54

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